1	2
Junagarh	2.89 to 39.72
Rajkot	3.10 to 22.60
Surat	1.95 to 23.00

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Measures like construction of check dams, watershed development, minor surface irrigation schemes, efficient methods of irrigation and prevention of salinity ingress are planned by the State.

Funds for National Highways in Kerala

3552. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are taking expeditions action on the request of Government of Kerala to release the sum of Rs. 227 crores provision for which has been made in the Eighth Plan for converting the National Highways in the State into four lanned paths; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Out of a total provision of Rs. 227.00 Crores for the development of National Highways in the State of Kerala, during the 8th Five Year Plan, works costing Rs. 166.50 Crores, including Rs. 93.47 between Alwaye and Cherthala, have been sanctioned.

[Translation]

Adult Education Centres

3553. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Adult Education Centres functioning at present under the Adult Education Programme, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated under this programme during each of the last two years, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons benefited under this programme during the above period; State-wise;

(d) whether the Union Government have made any arrangement to review the working of these centres from time to time; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The centre-based adult education programme (popularly known as adult education centres) under the Rural Functional Literacy Project has been revised from April 1991, since the reviews had indicated that it was not having much impact and was not cost-effective. The approach to adult literacy is now through the Total Literacy Campaigns (TLC) which are area-specific, time-bound, volunteer-based and cost-effective. However, for the difficult and remote areas where campaigns cannot be launched, a revamped Rural Functional Literacy Project is implemented. This revamped scheme has been approved for implementation in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim, North-Eastern States and border districts of Rajasthan. But Rajasthan has opted for campaign mode Total Literacy Campaign even in border districts instead of centre based Rural Functional Literacy Project scheme. The State-wise details of the projects sanctioned, and the funds released under the scheme for the last two years are given in attached Statement.

(d) and (e) The projects are monitored and supervised by the State Governments who are the implement agencies. The reports are required to be submitted by them particularly on the progress of implementation. The Directorate of Adult Education is monitoring the programme at the National level.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State	No. of Projects*	Coverage	Grants released	
				1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	7	1,73,322	42.49	-
2.	Assam	15	48,700	50.00	-
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	7	23,275	154.85	-
4.	Manipur	10	1,40,000	41.65	-
5.	Meghalaya	2	27,954	9.00	4.14
6.	Maharashtra@@			100.00	4.45

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Mizoram	2	4,921	8.00	-
8.	Nagaland	7	64,200	19.13	19.07
9.	Rajasthan**	86	10,27,000	150.00	-
10.	Tamil Nadu@@			143.63	
11.	Sikkim	4	5,168	11.22	-

* Each project is of one year duration. Under Each project 100 centres are allowed and each centre can enrol 25 to 30 non-literates in the age-group of 15-35 years.

** The projects are not under implementation and the grant is adjusted in Strengthening of Administrative Structure (SAS) for 1996-97.

@@ Reimbursement of expenditure of earlier years.

[English]

Selection Standards for NDA and M.A.

3554. SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the selection standards for entry into the National Defence Academy and Military Academy have been lowered recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such a decision is going to affect adversely on the efficiency of the army; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Armed Forces

3555. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government feels that rapid modernisation of the armed forces is necessary to keep pace with changing security needs and improve the county's defence preparedness to meet the real and potential threats to our security; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Government are continually engaged in the strengthening and modernising of our Armed Forces. The pace of modernisation, is based inter alia on the prevailing and long term potential threat perceptions. It will not be in national security interest to disclose details of the modernisation programmes.

Referal Centres for AIDS

3556. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Referal Centres set up under the AIDS Control Programme in the country till December, 1996;

(b) the number of Zonal Blood Testing Centres established till December, 1996; and

(c) the names and locations of Medical Colleges in the country having upgraded facilities for HIV infected persons and AIDS cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) 9 HIV Reference Centres have been set up under the AIDS Control Programme in the country so far. A list is enclosed as statement-I.

(b) There are 154 Zonal Blood Testing Centres established under National AIDS Control Programme. A list is enclosed as statement-II.

(c) A list is enclosed as Statement-III.

Statement-I

List of HIV Reference Centres

1. National Institute of Communicable Disease, Delhi.
2. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
3. Indian Institute of Immunohematology, Bombay.
4. National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta.
5. School of Tropical Medicines, Calcutta.
6. Madras Medical College, Madras.
7. National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune.
8. Regional Medical College, Imphal.
9. Christian Medical College, Vellore.